system is being examined by Chief Engineer, Irrigation Project and his findings and recommendations are awaited in Government. Therefore a decision regarding restoration of tanks in V. C. Area will have to be taken only along with other issues which may take some more time.

Development of minor ports.

*Q.—683. Smt. VASANTALATA V. MIRJANKAR (Kumta).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount spent so far for the development of minor ports in the State ;

(*b*) what is the estimated cost of development of these ports and which are the ports taken up for development ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

Rs. 80.405 lakhs.

Rs. 280.30 lakhs.

1. Mangalore.
2. Malpe.
3. Coondapur.
4. Tadri.
5. Bhatkal.
6. Kumta.
7. Honavar.
8. Bélékeri.
9. Karwar.

Cashewnut Cultivation in Kolar District.

*Q.—723. Sri J. NARAYANAPPA (Mulbagal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they have prepared a scheme for the cashewnut cultivation in Kolar District ;

(*b*) if so, whether they intend to give lands to ryots free of cost or at a fixed rate of Rs. 6 per acre where there are excessive gomal lands and encourage cashewnut cultivation ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.